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Spy meets spy, and one squeals: FBI

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Washington (News Bureau)—A Canadian professor on trial in London for allegedly turning over top-secret NATO documents to the Soviet Union was rattled on by a renegade Soviet spy who had posed as a free-lance photographer in Westchester, FBI officials said.

The Soviet spy, Rudolf Herrman, was a colonel in the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency, until the Federal Bureau of Investigation ended his career five years ago.

Herrman was an "illegal," the FBI's term for a spy who illegally enters the United States by using the identity of a real person. The real Rudolf Herrman was a German who had died in the Soviet Union.

The phony Herrman, the son of a Czech Communist, moved with his family to Hartsdale, N.Y., in 1968, FBI officials said. He is now in the federal witness protection program.

AFTER HE WAS caught by the FBI, the bureau said that Herrman "provided significant leads on previously unidentified Soviet agents," including Prof. Hugh George Hambleton, 60. Hambleton teaches economics at Laval University in Quebec. He had worked as a NATO economist from 1956 to 1961.

Herrman told the FBI that Hambleton was a "long-time and trusted Soviet agent," officials said.

Apparently acting on information from Herrman, Canadian police raided the Ottawa home of Hambleton's 91-year-old mother in November 1979. They reportedly found a short wave

radio, maps and a diary of the professor's contacts with the Soviets.

Interviewed by Canadian reporters a few months later, Hambleton said he had been giving information to the Soviets for 30 years, but he insisted none of it was classified.

ALTHOUGH HE did not name Herrman as his contact, the last Hambleton-Herrman meetings apparently took place after Herrman had been "turned" and was working for the FBI.

Hambleton, who holds dual Canadian and British citizenship, was arrested in Britain last June.